

## Some firsts for P.B.J.C. -

- 1- First public junior college in Florida
- ( 2- First junior college approved for minimum foundations funds - 1947 -
- 3- First to host and suggest association of Junior College presidents which was the beginning of JAPJC, now JAPCC -
- 4- First teacher re-certification classes approved by State Dept. to be offered in a junior college.
- ( 5- First <sup>FL</sup> legislative appropriation for permanent campus - (1956)

First woman V.P. ??

Others? Civilian Pilot Program by FAA?



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Section I - On the Hill ('33-'48)

Ch 1 - 1933-1936. How it all began -  
Youngblood, Watkins - Depression - P.Gs -  
U. of F. - Advisory Bd - Service Clubs -  
Scholarships - Beginning Faculty - First  
classes - Early students - Transferring.  
Problems - "Foolishing" - First grad class.  
Certif of Grad.

Dr. Leonard becomes Co. Supt.  
Ch 2 - 1937-1941. Student Gov't - Wilson, Bishop  
First F.T. - Increased enrollment + grad +  
Faculty - Drive for accreditation - Drive  
for library - Aviation Program 1939-1943? -  
Degree, diploma - Association with Good  
Samaritan Hosp, Nursing classes. Association  
with Norton Gallery of Art (classes) - N.Y.A.<sup>37</sup>  
First paper, First Beachcomber -  
Enrollment growth, purposes, first catalog.  
Clubs - Speakers - Pearl Harbor.  
Oldest student - Mrs. Florence Myers 72 - at that time -  
1941 - Rules changed - Mined getting accredited this year -

Ch. 3 - 1941-1948. WWII - Growth stymied - Trauma  
of danger, deaths of our boys - Flag -  
Student Union Bldg - ESM<sup>WT</sup> and Accelerated  
F.T. Aviation Training - Phi Theta Kappa founded -  
Final drive for accreditation, reputation  
established - Beachcomber - Keeping G.D.s informed  
Post-war influx of veterans (problems) - "Bursting at  
the seams" - Changes in Advisory Bd (15 to 5)  
Alumni Assn Founded (1944) - First "Galleon"  
Feb. 1948 Move to Morrison Field (deactivation  
County, repairs) -

46-47 First time had  
to limit enrollment (300)  
acct influx vets -

1947 - Minimum Found.  
Dec 1942 - Full accreditation by Son Assn  
42-43 - Advis Bd \$1000 to  
Student Union Bldg - Colleges + Schools



## Section II At the Field (48-51)

1948-1950

Ch 4 <sup>classes start Feb 7 -</sup> Move and settling. Loss of Watkins as Dean. Enrollment + Faculty growth - Freedom - Dr. Leonard F.T. President (48) Mr. Watkins, Co. Supt. Glynn <sup>Duncanson</sup>, others added. Money + upkeep - "Country Club College" (dorms, dining area, pool, tennis courts) - Phi Theta Kappa active ("Mardi Gra", parade, booths, etc; weekly radio program PB&C news) Campus politics - Dream of perm. bldgs on campus - FAPTC beginnings (four presidents meet first time on campus) - First teacher training classes certif. by State Dept -

water shows  
fashion shows

Ch 5 1950-51

Please to  
Congress

Korean Conflict - Sch Bd complaints on <sup>expense</sup> funds for upkeep, repairs - ~~Gov't~~ Gov't to reactivate field - Sch. Bd (2 members) leads ~~to~~ movement to close the college - Fight to survive - Offers from Lake Worth and Lake Park - Alumni Asst - Pass the wastebaskets - for money - F. P. ad in Post-Times ~~to~~ Organized - Lake Park offer accepted, repairs begun - Newell commencement speaker, Retires. Ceremony in Park -

→ Rescruitment of WWII GIs called to Korea, leave college again, families -

Columbian students - special classes problems  
Graham left for service (Nav reserve)  
No Certif of Graduation after June 1951  
only AA or AS -



### Section III Lake Park Campus (51-56)

Ch 6 - <sup>1951-1954</sup> ~~1951-1954~~ Cut in faculty, students, office staff  
Bldg. conversion - "Sardines" - Disappointed  
townspeople - limited athletics - Quality  
of teaching - Handicap of "discard" equipment -  
Plays - Drama Honorary - Burt Reynolds,  
Monte Markham, (Terry Garret?)

Ch. 7 - <sup>1954-1956</sup> ~~1954-1956~~ Wattenbarger's doctoral thesis - State Survey  
Commission - Russell Morrow sponsors  
Junior College State Educ. Bill - More junior  
colleges to be added. Sou. Assn. approves  
re-accreditation after visit despite facilities.  
Next door church used, later their new  
Rec. S.S. Bldg. - enrollment keeps climbing  
Classes spill into halls - Morse retires -  
P.B. Post announces \$1,047,000  
appropriated by Legislature for new  
Campus. Co. Commissioners donate 14 acres -  
Dedication ceremony - Leonard, Gross,  
Albertson and Co Chrm(?) handle shovels -  
"Little Orphan finds perm. home" - Packing  
+ moving but not for last time! Temp-  
orary location June-Sept 1956. Lake Worth  
Town Hall - Gross retired -  
Montoya dies -



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## Section IV Home At last! (1956-83)

Ch. 8 1956-58. New bldgs. not ready — no A.C., water, sewage but we move in for registration in library amid heat, sweat, tears Sept. 17 — Water + Sewage in time for classes — First bldgs completed — Dedication April? — Watkins — Youngblood's sister? — Speaker? Leonard's retirement announced — Manor brought in as Eve Director 57-58 & Train. Bldg + Enrollment growth — FAPTC development. New junior colleges — Growth of Eve Classes —

Ch 9 1958-1969 — '58 Banner Year. Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary — Send-off luncheon honors Leonard in May? Installation of Dr. Manor in Fall. Dr. Reitz, U of F, main spkr — Watkins, Wattenbarger, other notables attending — Duncan history. 1968 — separation from Co Sch System — Own Board, ~~and~~ under State. Presidents Council separate from FAPTC — Instructors, then other employees members —

Old order gone — Faculty retirements: Alchertson, Crozier —? Activities period cancelled, organizations become semi-active — Change from two semesters to two shortened terms and long spring-summer — 3 graduations in auditorium — no more Fresh, soph classes — Specialized programs expand — Eve Classes grow —

FATU estab. at Boca, Wattenbarger turns over JC directorship to Lee Henderson, returns to U of F faculty — FATC wielding more influence — More national recognition for Fla System.



1969-1978

Ch 10- Integration - Vietnam War -

War, war, when will it end? — Trauma more extreme than WWII or Korea among students. Miraculously we escape the protest marches, bldgs damaged, etc. — Growth under Manor — changes — New depts — News Bureau helps with problems and community recognition — Athletics competition with some superior teams — Satellite campuses established: Glades, North, South. Faculty Union.

Dr. Manor retires —

Ch. 11 — 1979-1983 — Ed Eissey becomes Pres. Becomes political influence with FAPCC, Fla. Legislature.

Grad Senior Citizens welcomed to campus, special courses set up for women, — New Dimensions, etc.

Eissey decides to push for special millage to update equipment, make repairs, etc. Speaker Bureau set up. Millage passes. (Amount?) Upgrades News Bureau — College is constantly in news — Once we struggled for least recognition, now the populous knows we have a junior college here. Satellite campuses, senior citizens, workers trained in degree + refresher courses — all spread the word. Athletics, Music, Art, Drama 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans progressing for 1983 —